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SUBJECT: NOVEMBER 29 GATT COUNCIL - AUSTRALIA ON JAPAN MEAT
RESTRICTIONS

REF: GENEVA 7103 (NOTAL)

1. JAPANESE HAVE NOW PRESENTED NOTIFICATION TO GATT
OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCING "DEFERRAL" OF IMPORT LICENSES OF
BOVINE MEAT DURING CURRENT JAPANESE FISCAL YEAR. NOTICE
DESCRIBES DECLINING CONSUMPTION IN JAPAN AND ENDS BY
SAYING JAPAN NOW PREPARED ENTER INTO ARTICLE XXII:1
CONSULTATIONS WITH SUBSTANTIAL SUPPLIERS.

2. JAPANESE MISSION HAS CIRCULATED TO U.S. AND PRESUMABLY
OTHER MISSIONS COPY OF NOTIFICATION AND A SUPPLEMENTARY
MEMO WHICH SAYS GOJ HAS NOTIFIED RESIDUAL RESTRICTIONS,
INCLUDING THOSE ON BEEF, IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROCEDURES
ADOPTED BY CPS 16 NOVEMBER 1960. MEMO SAYS THIS, PLUS
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FACT THAT JAPAN HAS NOW NOTIFIED GATT OF CHANGES IN

BEEF RESTRICTIONS, ELIMINATES NEED FOR PROPOSED WP. THEY ASK DELS GIVE "FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION" TO JAPANESE CASE AT COUNCIL. (THEIR PROPOSAL WOULD IN EFFECT PUT GATT CONSIDERATION THEIR BEEF IMPORT RESTRICTIONS ON SAME BASIS AS GATT CONSIDERATION OF EC BEEF RESTRICTIONS AND THEY ARGUE THEY SHOULD NOT BE SINGLED OUT FOR MORE STRINGENT PROCEDURE.)

3. AUSTRALIANS (MCGREGOR) SAY PRIVATELY THEY NOW UNCERTAIN WHAT TO DO AT NOVEMBER 29 COUNCIL, ARE SEEKING NEW INSTRUCTIONS FROM CANBERRA. MCGREGOR HOPES JAPANESE WILL AGREE TO SUPPORT CONSULTATIVE GROUP ON MEAT WHICH, IF ESTABLISHED, MIGHT THEN CAUSE AUSTRALIA CALL OFF OWN REQUEST FOR WP. MCGREGOR ALSO FEELS NEW JAPANESE GATT NOTIFICATION WEAKENS RATIONALE FOR ESTABLISHING WP IN ANY EVENT.

4. GATT SECRETARIAT (VAN TUINEN) REPORTS THERE IS NO PRECEDENT FOR AUSTRALIAN WP REQUEST SINCE IT NOT PRESENTED UNDER ANY SPECIFIC GATT ARTICLE.

5. FINAL AUSTRALIAN DECISION WHETHER PURSUE WP MAY NOT BE KNOWN UNTIL DAY OF COUNCIL. IF THEY STILL DECIDE REQUEST WP, BELIEVE U.S. SHOULD BE SURE WE HAVE GOOD REATIONALE FROM AUSTRALIANS BEFORE SUPPORTING FORMATION OF WP IN CHANGED CIRCUMSTANCE OF JAPANESE GATT NOTIFICATION. WASHINGTON GUIDANCE ON POSITION WE SHOULD TAKE IN EVENT AUSTRALIANS PERSIST REQUESTED.DALE

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